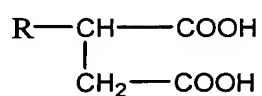


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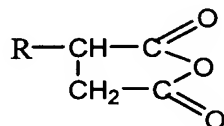
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A method of promoting acid-neutralization in a cylinder oil for engines of ships, wherein the cylinder oil comprises a lube base oil having a kinematic viscosity at 100°C of from 10 to 25 mm<sup>2</sup>/sec, and (a) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of overbased ~~sulfonates~~, sulfonates and phenates and salicylates of alkaline earth metals; wherein the component (a) has a total base number of from 100 to 600 mg-KOH/g, and the component (a) is present in an amount of from 10 to 40% by weight, based on the total weight of the cylinder oil; and wherein sulfur in said cylinder oil forms SO<sub>x</sub> in exhaust gas from said engines, which SO<sub>x</sub> reacts with water in said exhaust gas to form sulfuric acid, said method comprising adding to the cylinder oil, (b) an acid-neutralizing promoter in an amount of from 0.1 to 3% by weight, based on the total weight of the cylinder oil, which promoter comprises a succinimide component obtainable by reacting ~~at least one polyamine selected from the group consisting of~~ diethylene triamine, ~~ethylene diamine, and a combination of diethylene triamine and triethylene tetramine, the~~ polyamine having a resulting carbon/nitrogen weight ratio of ~~from 0.85 to 1.25~~ 1.14 with a succinic acid compound of the following general formula (I) or (II) in a molar ratio to the polyamine of from 0.95 to 1.40:



(I)

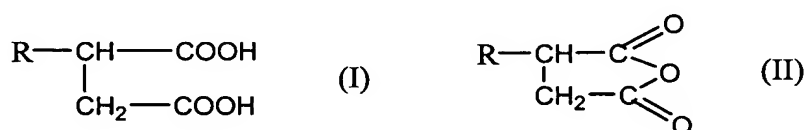


(II)

wherein R represents an alkenyl or alkyl group derived from an olefinic polymer having a carbon number of from 2 to 15 and having a number-average molecular weight of

from 700 to 2,300, and wherein the cylinder oil has a total base number of from 40 to 100 mg-KOH/g.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method comprising lubricating a ship engine with a cylinder oil, wherein the cylinder oil comprises a lube base oil having a kinematic viscosity at 100°C of from 10 to 25 mm<sup>2</sup>/sec, (a) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of overbased ~~sulfonates~~, sulfonates and phenates ~~and salicylates~~ of alkaline earth metals, and (b) an acid-neutralizing promoter, and which cylinder oil has a total base number of from 40 to 100 mg-KOH/g; wherein the component (a) has a total base number of from 100 to 600 mg-KOH/g, and the component (a) is present in an amount of from 10 to 40% by weight and the component (b) is present in an amount of from 0.1 to 3% by weight, based on the total weight of the cylinder oil, wherein the acid-neutralizing promoter comprises a succinimide component obtainable by reacting ~~at least one polyamine selected from the group consisting of diethylene triamine, ethylene diamine, and a combination of diethylene triamine and triethylene tetramine, the polyamine~~ having a resulting carbon/nitrogen weight ratio of ~~from 0.85 to 1.25~~ 1.14 with a succinic acid compound of the following general formula (I) or (II) in a molar ratio to the polyamine of from 0.95 to 1.40:



wherein R represents an alkenyl or alkyl group derived from an olefinic polymer having a carbon number of from 2 to 15 and having a number-average molecular weight of from 700 to 2,300.

Claims 8-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein the polyamine is diethylene triamine.

Claims 11-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 7, wherein the polyamine is diethylene triamine.

Claims 14-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein the molar ratio to the polyamine is about 1.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 7, wherein the molar ratio to the polyamine is about 1.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 6 and 7 have each been amended by inserting a kinematic viscosity for the lube base oil, as supported in the specification at page 8, lines 1-3; deleting salicylates from the component (a) Markush group; inserting a base number for the component (a), as supported in the specification at page 9, line 10; and limiting the polyamine to diethylene triamine and the resulting carbon/nitrogen weight ratio to --1.14--, as supported in the specification at page 5, line 8.

Claims 11-12 and 14-15 have been canceled.

No new matter has been added by the above amendment. Claims 6, 7, 10, 13, 16 and 17 are now pending in the application.